

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **February 8, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Office of EMS Consolidated Grant Award-Zoll Monitor/Defibrillator Upgrade**

RECOMMENDATION: Amend the FY 2005 City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund Budget and appropriate \$40,000 with resources of \$20,000 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, and \$20,000 from the FY 2005 General Fund Reserve for Contingencies to upgrade four (4) Zoll "M" Series bi-phasic manual monitor/defibrillators to 12 lead capabilities.

SUMMARY: The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services periodically awards grant funding to assist career and volunteer EMS agencies in obtaining/maintaining emergency vehicles and equipment; providing EMS management, leadership, and advanced life support training; and achieving other goals that support the enhancement of citizen and community EMS services. This grant is a continuation of such endeavors.

The Department has been awarded \$20,000 in Rescue Squad Assistance funding to upgrade four (4) Zoll "M" Series bi-phasic manual monitor/defibrillators to 12 lead capabilities. Manual monitor/defibrillators with 12 lead capabilities allow more highly trained personnel (e.g. Paramedics) to monitor heart rhythms more effectively, and when future plans to purchase transmission devices for the information compiled via these units are completed, personnel will be able to send data from patients exhibiting myocardial infarction symptoms to the Lynchburg General Hospital Emergency Room. When warranted, patients can be delivered directly to the facility's Catheterization Lab, avoiding time normally spent in the Emergency Room awaiting assessment procedures. The Department's four first-line emergency medic units already possess this capability, which has proven most beneficial in expediting treatment in a number of cases.

The Finance Committee previously authorized submission of a grant request for the upgrade of nine (9) Zoll monitor/defibrillators in September, 2004; however the Office of Emergency Services only approved sufficient funding for four (4) units.

PRIOR ACTION(S): February 1, 2005 Finance Committee recommended approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: Non-recurring appropriation from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies.

CONTACT(S): Battalion Chief Ninette Heath
William G. McChesney, Fire Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED That the City/Federal/State Aid Projects Fund FY 2005 budget is amended and \$40,000 is appropriated with resources of \$20,000 from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, and \$20,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies, to upgrade four (4) Zoll "M" Series bi-phasic manual monitor/defibrillators to 12 lead capabilities.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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